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1. Abbas Mahdi, Iraqi Minister to Moscow, who is on leave in Iraq, is reported to have had an interview with Stalin before leaving Moscow, the results of which Mahdi described to Kamil Chaderchi, leader of the National Democratic Party. According to Mahdi, Stalin was delighted by Iraq's rejection of the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty and promised stronger Soviet measures against American penetration in Iran.
2. Mahdi added that other members of the Soviet Government had told him that 1,000,000 men were ready to march on the Middle East via Iran and that a war of attrition would bring a Communist victory in Greece. They also said that Kamil Chaderchi was to be congratulated, inasmuch as he was continuing his political activity and at the same time he managed to maintain the legality of the National Democratic Party.
3. According to Mahdi, the Soviets favor Chaderchi as the future leader of Iraq.

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